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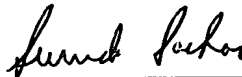
Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of the present application.

Claim 8 has been amended to delete two periods inadvertently inserted into the claim body. As the sole purpose of this amendment to Claim 8 is to correct a typographical error, Applicant respectfully submits that amended Claim 8 has the same scope as unamended Claim 8. Therefore, Applicant submits that no new subject matter has been added by the foregoing amendment and respectfully requests that the amendment be entered.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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